

HOW YOU CAN PARTICIPATE

U.S.-AFGHAN WOMEN'S COUNCIL

The U.S.-Afghan Women's Council welcomes private sector assistance in achieving its mission through contributions to a Gift Fund established by the U.S. Department of State. By donating, you will promote public/private partnerships between the United States and Afghanistan that will mobilize resources to aid Afghan women in acquiring the skills and education they need to play their rightful role in Afghan society. The Council receives support from the highest levels of the American and Afghan governments and strives to initiate and fund targeted, practical projects. Support is needed to help the Ministry of Women's Affairs build a network of Women's Resource Centers to further projects for women's health, education, and job skills training. Current projects being funded by the Council are aimed at supporting educational programs in these centers in areas such as political participation, human rights education, small business development, job skills training and literacy. A gift supporting the council will help Afghans stabilize and reconstruct their country and spread the goodwill of the American people.

TAX DEDUCTIBILITY OF CONTRIBUTIONS

Contributions to the Department of State on behalf of the Council qualify for the charitable contribution deduction to the maximum extent permitted by law for federal income, estate and gift tax purposes in the U.S. Donors should consult their accountant or lawyer for advice in this area.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF FUNDS

Contributions of funds are especially appreciated since funds can be immediately applied toward the most pressing needs. Contributions for the U.S. Afghan Women's Council are made to the U.S. Department of State. Please make checks payable to: "U.S. Department of State" and include a donor letter (sample letters for individuals or corporations follow below) addressed to Donna Bordley, Gift Funds Coordinator, Room 7427, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, Telephone: 202-647-5031, fax 202-647-8194. For further information about the council's projects and donations, call Daria Fane 202-312-9665.

CONTRIBUTIONS OF PROPERTY

Contributions of technical equipment, medical needs and other supplies are also welcome. Please contact Charlotte Ponticelli, Senior Coordinator for International Women's Issues, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20520, Tel: 202-312-9664.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

All contributions will be acknowledged by a letter along with a statement describing the contribution, the amount or value of the contribution, and the date of the contribution. The names of all donors, individual, corporate, and foundation, will be listed on the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council website if requested.

SAMPLE INDIVIDUAL DONOR LETTER

Donations should be sent under cover of a letter following this format

(Date)

Donna Bordley
Gift Funds Coordinator
Bureau of Resource Management
Room 7427
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520-7427

Dear Ms. Bordley:

To assist the women of Afghanistan in rebuilding their country and to promote cooperation between the U.S. and Afghanistan, _____
(Name of individual(s)) has (have) made the following unconditional gift to the U.S. Department of State on behalf of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council: *(Please list and describe the gift, including approximate value).*

The following is a list of my affiliations and the affiliations maintained by members of my immediate family: *(Please list and describe the nature of your corporate or organizational affiliations and the affiliations maintained by members of your immediate family (e.g., board membership, directorship).)*

I/We have the following business pending before the Department of State and/or the following matters are likely to arise that might involve the Department of State. *(Please list and describe any matters that you or members of your immediate family, or organizations with which you are affiliated, have pending before the Department of State, or state that you have no such business matters pending. Please also list and describe matters likely to arise before the Department that would substantially affect you or members of your immediate family.) (If not applicable N/A or NONE, please indicate.)*

(Signature)

Name: _____

Address _____

SAMPLE CORPORATE OR ORGANIZATIONAL DONOR LETTER
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(Date)

Donna Bordley
Gift Funds Coordinator
Bureau of Resource Management Room 7427
U.S. Department of State
Washington, D.C. 20520-7427

Dear Ms. Bordley:

To assist the women of Afghanistan in rebuilding their country and to promote cooperation between the U.S. and Afghanistan, (Name) has made the following unconditional gift to the U.S. Department of State on behalf of the U.S.-Afghan Women's Council:

(Please list and describe gift, including approximate value)

The following is a list of the subsidiaries/affiliates of (Company or Organization):

(Company/Organization) has the following business pending before the Department of State and/or the following matters are likely to arise that might involve the Department of State:

(Please list and describe any matters that you or your subsidiaries and/or affiliates have pending before the Department of State. Please also list and describe matters likely to arise before the Department that would substantially affect you or your subsidiaries and/or affiliates.)

Signature

Name_____

Address_____